

THE HON. TREASURER OF THE RECORD BOIGN MEMORIAL FUND sends us another batch of Chinese contributions, bringing the total up to \$33,628.

We are asked to remind our readers no night passes are at present required, recent legislation having abolished this useful check on evil-disposed Chinese.

In our advertising columns will be found an Imperial Chinese Customs notification with reference to collisions at sea. It appears from this notification that Chinese junk, fishing boats, &c., are not expected to exhibit lights like any ordinary vessel.

'An Old Player' calls the attention of the *Kobe Herald* to a remarkable feat achieved by G. Broess during a recent cricket match, Kobe against H.M.S. *Narcissus*. In the first innings he took six wickets for two runs, and in the second innings seven wickets for ten runs, and three of these were an overthrow. Nothing of the kind has ever been seen on the Kobe field before, and it is doubted if a performance to match this could be produced by any Cricket Club in the East.

We are in receipt of a letter, signed by our respected friend Captain Goggin, of the steamer *Honam*, in which the writer denies that any robbery took place on board his steamer. An advertisement appeared in our last night's issue, notifying that an employé of the Wing Lung Chinese bank had been robbed of a cheque, and warning all concerned not to use the same. Captain Goggin alleges that the advertisement states the robbery took place on board the *Honam*, but this is not so. The man was most likely the victim of a pick-pocket in the street. It is not necessary to state that it is far from our intention to cast any reflections upon the *Honam* or its popular captain.

Mr. F. von der Pfordten, Manager of the Telegraph Companies, favours us with the following:

Direct cable communication with Amoy, Shanghai, Japan and the North remains interrupted, the repairing steamer having been prevented from working by continuous bad weather. The typhoon which passed inland near Swatow, on Saturday evening, caused a total interruption of the Chinese lines between Swatow, Amoy and Foochow, which has resulted in a great disarrangement of traffic and overlapping of dates. All traffic is at present passing by cable to Foochow and thence by Chinese landline to Shanghai, and is subject to considerable delay.

This Chinaman arrested as a result of the raid made by Captain Superintendent May and Acting Chief Inspector Mackie, with a body of Indian constables, on a house at No. 2 Wa Lane, on June 21, was again brought up to the Magistrate to-day, on a charge of unlawfully keeping common gambling house and unlawfully supplying goods and other utensils to other gamblers. Mr. H. L. Denys conducted the prosecution; Mr. E. Robinson, instructed by Mr. J. Hastings, appeared for the defence. Captain Superintendent May in his evidence stated that a large cash-box containing about \$1,000 in money and a large quantity of jewellery was found on the premises. Mr. Robinson objected to the evidence of the contents of the box, as the box had been taken up to the Police Station and burst open. He argued that the Police had no power under the warrant to burst open the box. Mr. Wodehouse took a note of Mr. Robinson's objection. The case was remanded till to-morrow.

VESSELS AT THE DOCKS:—At Kowloon: Reina Cristina, San Joaquin, Rosa, Hailong, Mervin Castle, Triton, Hailan. Aberdeen: (None). Cosmopolitan:—Torresdale.

80 New Pianos just arrived: best makers. Also Cabins and Transposing Pianos, guaranteed for the climate. W. Robinson & Co.

Dr. Abercrombie, who has been for many years U.S. Consul at Nagasaki, is reported to have been appointed Minister to Siam.

The gross tonnage of the ships chartered by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is said to amount to 36,000 tons approximately. The payment for their services, at the rate of 10 yen per ton per month, would amount to over 108,000 yen per month.

A New York dispatch, dated May 28, says:—The jury in the case of Captain E. J. Reed, tried in the United States Circuit Court on a charge of having failed to provide proper food for the crew of the ship *T. F. Oaks*, on the voyage from Hongkong to this port, brought in a verdict of 'not guilty.'

Twenty shipowners belonging to the Western League of the Japanese. Shipping Trade Association held a meeting in Osaka and agreed to raise fares and freights from July 1st. According to the new rates, the freight from Osaka and Kobe to Kure, Formosa, will be raised from 6 to 8.50 yen per ton, and to the far for the steamer passage from 9 to 11 yen.

The following record of the Carow tragedy is taken from the *Japan Gazette*.—One of the most pathetic epitaphs ever erected is that placed over the spot where Mr. Carow lies buried. It reads: 'In loving memory of my husband who died Oct. 1896. Aged 43 years.'

Twilight and evening star,
And may there be no moaning at the bar,
When I put out to sea;
A little trust that when we die,
We shall not meet there.

No more. Simply a quiet tragedy. Some sorrow, regret, yearning, remembrance, but let us hope, are all mingled in this last thought.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[Surfaced to the 'CHINA MAIL']

London, 4th July, 1897.

THE UNITED STATES TARIFF BILL.
The Washington Senate has finished with the Tariff Bill, after perpetual delays owing to party tactics.

TURKEY AND THE POWERS.
The Embassies have presented a collective note insisting that Turkey should decide concerning the frontier.

THE 'ADEN' SURVIVORS.
The *India* has arrived at Suva with the survivors of the *Aden*, who are all doing well.

THE UNITED STATES AND THE ANNEXATION OF HAWAII.
Senator Sherman's reply to Japan's protest re the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands declares that it will in no wise prejudice the legitimate interests of Japan or of any other Power in the Pacific, but that he cannot admit any suggestions for the maintenance of the *status quo*.

TURKEY AND GREECE.
The Turkish Ministers in Athens have unanimously resolved to maintain Turkey's right to Thessaly.

THE PUNJON MINING CO., LIMITED.
The Secretary of The Punjon Mining Co., Limited, courteously advises us that he has received the following Telegram from the Mines, giving the result of the June Clean-up. Translation:—The Mill ran 30 days crushing 421 tons yielding 147 ozs of smelted gold, 2,000 tons of Headings crushed yielding 155 ozs. of gold. Pockets found yielding 25 ozs. Twenty-five tons Concentrates obtained for a yield of 37 ozs of gold. The Cyanide Plant ran 38 days treating 940 tons of Tailings yielding 237 ozs of Bullion of an Assay value of £1. 6. 8. per ounce.

WEATHER NOTICE.
The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 6th at 11.20. The barometer has risen on the S. and S.E. coasts of China, and is inclined to fall in Luzon. Pressure remains slightly lower over S. China. Forecast:—moderate S.W. to S. wind; rainy at first, improving later.

H.E. HIRANO CHUN-HISEN, former Consul-General at Singapore, who was objected to by Germany as Chinese Envoy last year, has been appointed Salt Intendant of the Changsha and Paoing prefectures of Hunan province. —N.O. Daily News.

TAMSA is a curious story in the native papers about a photograph of himself which General Gordon presented to the Emperor when he left China. This has now been discovered in the office of a firm in Peking, with the ornaments which surrounded the frame taken off *China Gazette*.

INSURANCE has been given for the paid-off crew of the battleship *Centurion*, who were brought from China to Chatham in the *Endymion*, to return from their leave on June 11 for drafting to the ships attached to the Malacca Fleet. Their unpaid leave will be granted them after the naval maneuvers. —L. and O. Express.

On his way home from England, H.H. Prince Arisugawa will visit Spain for the purpose of returning thanks for the period of mourning observed on the death of the late Emperor Dowager of Japan. He will also present the King of Spain with the Grand Order of the Imperial Chrysanthemum. The Prince is expected to proceed to Spain in the new battleship *Fuji*.

OSWEGO to the unsettled weather in the spring, Soochow, which exports large quantities of rice to Shanghai for local consumption, is experiencing very poor harvests, in consequence of which it is expected that the price for rice this summer in Shanghai will increase to 30 per cent above the usual quotations. It is feared that certain districts in Soochow prefecture will suffer from famine this winter. —N.O. Daily News.

An amusing yarn is told of a lady who, for the first time, travelled in a big steamer, her destination being China. When she had recovered from the *mal-de-mer*, she vainly hunted for her bonnet, muff, fur, veil, and gloves. They had all absolutely vanished. Asked whether she had any recollection where she put them, her reply was, 'In the little cupboard with the round glass door,' which, alas! proved to be the port-hole. —N.O. Daily News.

AR HAKODATE (reports the *Japan Gazette*) H.M. S. *Bandriel* made things as lively as possible in keeping up the Queen's Jubilee. At 8 a.m. the ship was decorated, and at noon 60 guns were fired for the royal salute. The ship's company sang lustily the National Anthem, after which the Captain led them with a cheer for Her Majesty. During the morning a British sealer put into harbour and fired a one-gun salute. In the evening a jovial smoker was held on board the *Rainbow*.

Messrs Baudinet & Co. write from Newchwang under date the 29th June:—There is not much demand for tonnage at present, as our prices though lower than last month are said to compare unfavourably with rates elsewhere. Quotations are:—

Beanoak per 10 pieces Tls. 6.55.
Beanoak " " " " 6.30.
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Vessels in port are the *Pekoh*, *Chiyen*, *Wooning*, *Kashin*, and *Lokang*. Arrivals to date 24 steamers and 161 steamers against 1 seller and 171 steamers last year.

THESE was an interesting scene on the French flag *Bayard* the other day, when a deputaition, headed by Mr. Consul Hall and including several members of the Jubilee Commemoration Committee, called on Admiral de la Bédolliere to convey the thanks of the Committee for the kind assistance rendered on several occasions in connection with the Jubilee celebration.

The deputaition was received at the Admiral, who was evidently gratified by the visit. On leaving, the party attended around the flagship and gave three ringing cheers and a "hurrah" for Admiral de la Bédolliere. The Admiral, in return, graciously bowed his acknowledgments in reply. —N.O. Daily News.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Hon. A. G. W. Paine Judge, and a Jury.)

Tuesday, July 6.

ACTION FOR DAMAGES AND INJURY TO CHARACTER.

Wong Kung, brought an action against Tam Chun, for \$119, for injury to character and reputation, and wages.

Mr. H. J. Gedge appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. H. W. Blane represented the defendant.

The jury empanelled were:—Messrs P. Morris, H. Cooke and A. Bunn.

Mr. H. J. Gedge, of the Bank of China and Japan, Ltd., when called for the jury, asked to be excused from service on account of one of the staff, Mr. W. H. Gaskeil, having served for several days at the jury recently, and his continued absence from the office through fever, which delayed his settling up for the half-year. He was not sick that day. The No. 1 Portuguese clerk had also been sick, and in consequence they were late in their settlements.

His Lordship said he could not help this sickness; if they were short-handed in the place he might consider it.

Mr. Gedge said he had sent in a written application to the Deputy-Registrar when he was called.

His Lordship said he had not received any application. In all probability the facts did not apply now, as Mr. Gaskeil was there.

Mr. Gedge said the facts did apply as all the work had fallen into error through Mr. Gaskeil's services on the jury and illness and the sickness of the No. 1 Portuguese clerk.

His Lordship asked Mr. Lammett, the clerk, to see about the application, which had been sent in. This application had never been brought to him; it should be brought to the Judge. Under the circumstances he would not call upon Mr. Gedge to serve this time. Mr. Gedge told him he had written a letter, but had not seen it yet. It was not the first he had heard of the letter.

Mr. Gedge stated the suit was brought by Wong Kung against Tam Chun for damages in regard to a charge brought by the defendant against the plaintiff, which was, falsely, maliciously and without proper cause demand \$100, with intent to steal the same on 22nd January. He then read the pleadings in the suit. From the plaintiff's pleadings it appeared that he was a Chinese in the employ of the defendant, Mr. H. J. Gedge, who was a contractor, residing No. 31 Hollywood Road. He was in his employ from 2nd August, 1896 to 20th January, 1897, at a monthly wage of \$12 and a monthly allowance of \$3 for food and \$3 for rice and other necessaries. On 22nd January, together with Tan Foo and Cheung Shua, were engaged as contractors by the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., in pulling down and building houses on Island Lot 26. The title of the firm was the Qwong Hop Wo. A large number of suits were brought against Tam Chun in the Summary Court, in which plaintiff gave evidence for the plaintiff and judgment was given against the defendant. On 22nd January defendant sent a Chinaman to the plaintiff at his family house and informed the plaintiff that if he would go and meet defendant, he would be paid his wages and money due, over \$100. Plaintiff, believing the statement, set out with defendant's emissary to a house in No. 14 Possession Street, and \$100 was paid him by the defendant, not by means of money, but simply as money due. Thereupon defendant caused plaintiff to be arrested in the house in Possession Street by a Chinese constable, and he was taken to the Central Police Station, where he was kept for several days, and then released with money demanded from the defendant a sum of \$100, with intent to steal the same. 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